

**AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Please replace the paragraph starting on page 12 at line 11 with the following paragraph:

Therefore, it is supposed that the element body 34 protruding laterally from the neck 36 of the metal element 32 is in the form of a cantilever in which the vertical height Y is varied in a lateral direction (a direction of the X-axis), as shown in Fig.6, and the concentrated load F1 has been applied to a free end of the element body 34(a tip end of the cantilever having a length L), wherein the height of a fixed end of the cantilever is represented by Yr. In this case, to ensure that the bending stress on the cantilever is uniform in the direction of the X-axis, the height Y of the cantilever may be given as a function of X, as well known in a field of material dynamics, according to the following equation:

$$\cancel{Y = Y_r \times \sqrt{\{(L - X) / L\}}} \text{ --- (1)}$$

$$\underline{Y = Y_r \bullet \sqrt{\{(L - X) / L\}}} \text{ --- (1)}$$

A line provided by the above equation (1) is defined as the first line S1, and in Fig.3, a portion of a line provided by the lower edge of the element body 34 of the metal element 32, which extends from a center line CL to the recesses 46, 46, is defined as a line approximating to the first line S1.